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## All Aboard...from Farm-to-Fork!

### Railroad Museum & Sprouts Farmers Market to Showcase the Deep Roots of Railroads & Agriculture

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Coinciding with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farm-to-Fork celebration in the Sacramento region, California State Parks, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation and Sprouts Farmers Market in South Land Park will showcase the important role the region's railroads have played in supporting agriculture. On September 27 & 28, 2014 -- during the final weekend of regular season excursion train rides on the Sacramento Southern Railroad -- a shipment of locally-grown pears donated by Sprouts Farmers Market in South Land Park will be stacked in crates on the Freight Depot platform in Old Sacramento State Historic Park and offered free to train riders all weekend long (while supplies last).

The recreated farm-fresh scene is reminiscent of the early 1900s when the Museum's Sacramento Southern Railroad transported pears, asparagus and other products to market from Delta communities such as Isleton, Walnut Grove, Hood and Freeport. Pears, in particular, were once considered as a highly prized commodity. In addition to sharing the agricultural bounty throughout the Central Valley, the region's railroads also transported the area's fresh produce to markets nationwide.

Not only will excursion train ride guests have the opportunity to enjoy the free farm-fresh pears as they exit the train, a docent from the Railroad Museum will help interpret the agriculture-rich rail history for interested passengers.

Weekend excursion train rides depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento. Tickets are available to book online in advance or in-person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. on the day of train ride at the ticket office on Front Street between J and K Streets.

Also, train riders are encouraged to visit the nearby California State Railroad Museum – North America's most popular rail museum -- and the Museum Store that offers *Sacramento Southern Railroad (Images of Rail)* book by Kevin W. Hecteman, books on dining by rail, railroad china and more. For more information about excursion train rides or the Railroad Museum, please call 916-323-9280 or visit [www.csrnf.org](http://www.csrnf.org).

**About the California State Railroad Museum**

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit [www.csrnf.org](http://www.csrnf.org) or call (916) 323-9280.

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